



Bringing the County Closer to You!

Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Timothy Firestone, Chief Administrative Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director
Kevin Linck, UCAB Chair

December 14, 2012

County Council Elects Nancy Navarro as President and Craig Rice as Vice-President



Congratulations!

The Gilchrist Welcome Center Announces Winter Schedule of Programs

See the complete schedule by visiting this link:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/programs_and_services.html

Important Conference!

Farming at Metro's Edge: Sustaining Agriculture in Frederick and Montgomery Counties

Friday, January 11th and Saturday, January 12th

The Universities of Shady Grove

9630 Gudelsky Drive

Rockville, MD 20850

Keynote Speaker - USDA's Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Dr. Kathleen Merrigan

A coalition of farm, environmental, civic, foundation, and government groups will meet to focus on the future of agriculture in Frederick and Montgomery Counties, MD. The goal of the conference is to discuss ideas and actions for keeping agriculture productive and profitable in these Counties for the next generation. For details and registration, visit the website: <http://www.farmingatmetrosedge.com>



Free English Classes offered by Literacy Council

The Literacy Council will offer free ESL classes this coming winter to adult residents of Montgomery County at several locations including the Quince Orchard Public Library and the Upcounty Regional Services Center. For schedule details, click [here](#).

Community Access Pilot Program; Assistance to Nonprofits for Using Silver Spring Civic Building and Veteran's Plaza

A pilot program based on a grant established by the Executive and Council can help to defray some costs of renting the Civic Building and Veteran's Plaza in Silver Spring. Funds have been designated for County-based nonprofits for FY2013 (begins July 1, 2013).

Civic Building and Veteran's Plaza:

The building provides space for community meetings and activities, classes, and more. The Great Hall, flanked by a spacious lobby, can accommodate up to 700 people, and is perfect for special occasions, conferences, and large gatherings. Adjacent to the building is the Veterans Plaza, which provides outdoor space for concerts, festivals, and movies. Either or both can be rented.

Other amenities include WiFi and state of the art multi-media capability. Because of its unique features, this venue can host personal celebrations and can be booked farther in advance. For details and application, visit

<https://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/cupf/info/sscb.asp>



Germantown SoccerPlex is Home to New Women's Professional Soccer Team

The *Washington Spirit* will play and train at the Germantown SoccerPlex stadium bringing women's professional soccer back to Montgomery County! For more, click [here](#).

Santa Makes Stop at Upcounty Regional Services Center on the Way to Children's Inn

This week, Santa was escorted to the Upcounty Regional Services Center in Germantown to pick up a contribution from the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce for the Children's Inn at NIH. He was warmly welcomed by children from the Peppertree Children's Center and others.

Photos:



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Planning Board www.montgomeryplanning.org

Council is on recess December 17, 2012 – January 11, 2013